



Education Program FAQs



To find out more information about field trips, requesting a ranger visit to your classroom, and other educational resources: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/learn/education/index.htm>

We also have an FAQ page for more field trip and teacher information, including information about educational fee waivers: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/learn/education/teacher-faq.htm>

For your educational experience, here are a few other ideas for you and your students:

- * Besides field trips, we can also have a ranger visit your classroom! This visit can be in-person or virtual via distance learning technology! Please contact whsa_education@nps.gov for more information.
- * We have daily scheduled Ranger programs that your group may want to attend. If you are interested in joining one of these programs, please let us know so we can prepare the ranger who is leading the program. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>
- * We have a “Teacher Resource Bag” available for check-out of you during your visit! The resources in this bag will help teachers provide a self-directed education program while at White Sands. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/forteachers/classrooms/teacher-resource-bags.htm>
- * Before or after your visit, we can provide a “Traveling Trunk”. Topics include Giant Geology, Amazing Animals, Practical Plants, and Human History. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/forteachers/classrooms/index.htm>
- * The visitor center has an orientation film that is shown every half hour throughout the day. This film is a great introduction to the dunefield for students and teachers.

Monument Regulations:

The mission of the National Park System and White Sands National Monument is...

“to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

- * DO NOT COLLECT any sand, rock, or any other natural or archeological objects. All things in the monument are protected. Collecting anything, including sand, can result in a fine.
- * LEAVE NO TRACE! Make sure to pick up your trash. Schools who do not clean up their area may not be allowed to come back to the monument.

Safety Tips:

- * Water is NOT available in the dunefield. It is recommended to bring 1 gallon of water per person per day.
- * Limited shade is available in the dunefield. Portable shade structures, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are recommended.
- * Natural conditions at White Sands can be hazardous. Sand sledding is a fun but a potentially hazardous sport.



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Education Program Request Form

Program Type: Field Trip: _____ Classroom Visit: _____ Special Event: _____

Program Date: Choice1: _____ Choice2: _____ Choice3: _____

Program Topic/Activity Request (provide exact common core or state standards that you would like Rangers to cover during your Ranger Program):

Name of school/organization/agency/institution

Address of school/agency/organization/institution City State Zip Code

School phone number

School fax number

Number of students: _____ Number of chaperones: _____ Grade of group: _____

Method of travel: Number of BUSES: _____ Number of PRIVATE VEHICLES: _____

Arrival time: _____

Departure time: _____

Leader (individual in charge of group) Name: _____

Leader cell number and best time to call: _____

Leader email: _____

***Please submit Request Form at least 4 weeks prior to your field trip request dates.
Every effort will be made to provide a ranger to speak to groups requesting a program.**

***Your reservation is not confirmed until you have been contacted by the national monument.**

****Please return application by email to WHSA_education@nps.gov or by Fax to 575-479-1116
For questions, please call 575-479-6124 x231**